

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of treating ~~mucositis~~ acute maxillary sinusitis of fungal origin in a patient in need thereof without surgery, which comprises orally administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of an oral ~~medication selected from the group consisting of an~~ azole antifungal agent, ~~a proton pump inhibitor and a combination thereof.~~

2. (Canceled herein)

3. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 1 which comprises orally administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a proton pump inhibitor.

4. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 1 which comprises orally administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of an azole antifungal agent and a therapeutically effective amount of a proton pump inhibitor.

5. (Original) A method of claim 1 wherein said azole antifungal agent is selected from the group consisting of fluconazole, voriconazole and itraconazole.

6. (Original) A method of claim 1 wherein said azole antifungal agent is administered in an amount of about 10 to about 1200 mg/day.

7. (Original) A method of claim 1 wherein said azole antifungal agent is administered in an amount of about 50 to about 600 mg/day.

8. (Original) A method of claim 1 wherein said azole antifungal agent is administered in an amount of about 200 mg/day to about 400 mg/day.

9. (Original) A method of claim 1 wherein said azole antifungal agent is administered for at least 10 days.

10. (Original) A method of claim 1 wherein said azole antifungal agent is administered for about 10 days to about 30 days.

11. (Currently amended) A method of claim 1 wherein said mucositis acute maxillary sinusitis of fungal origin is non-invasive ~~fungal mucositis~~.

12. (Canceled herein)

13. (Canceled herein)

14. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 1 wherein said proton pump inhibitor is esomeprazole.

15. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 1 wherein said proton pump inhibitor is administered in an amount that raises the pH of gastric fluid above about pH 4.0.

16. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 1 wherein said proton pump inhibitor is administered in an amount that raises the pH of gastric fluid above about pH 5.0.